Extension of Scheme of Monopoly Procurement of Cotton in Maharashtra

2533. SHRI PANDURANG PUNDLIK FUNDKAR : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has requested the Union Government for extension of the Scheme of monopoly procurement of Cotton in the State for a further period of ten years; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) The Government of Maharashtra had sought extension of the scheme of monopoly procurement of cotton in the State for a period of ten years w.e.f. 1st July, 1990.

(b) Government have granted extension to the scheme for a period of three years w.e.f. 1st July, 1990 on the existing terms and conditions.

Indore-Devas Four Lane Scheme

2534. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indore-Devas four lane scheme has been included in the Package-II programme of World Bank for India; and

(b) if so, when the construction work on the scheme is likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER):(a) to (b) Yes, Sir. Negotiations for the loan have been completed. However, agreement for the loan is yet to be signed. As such, it is too early to indicate the date of start of the project.

Production in Powerloom Sector

2535. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA : Will the MINISTER OF TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the production in the powerloom sector in Madhya Pradesh is declining day by day due to high prices of yarn and the difficulties in the availability of weft; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Union Govt. to provide raw material to the powerloom sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) and (b) Details of State-wise production are not Centrally maintained. In fact, the total production in the country is estimated on the basis of delivery of yarn to powerlooms. Availability of yarn to powerloom sector and production of cloth by this sector on all India basis, have been increasing and no report of the shortage of yarn has been received.

Yarn prices from March to July, 1991 have increased by 5% to 9%. However, the Govt. have no direct control over yarn prices as they depend upon the fluctuations of demand and supply position.

[English]

Link Road Phase-II from Thevara to Kundannoor on Kochi Bye Pass(Kerala)

2536. PROF. SAVITHRI LAKSHAMANAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have sanctioned the detailed estimate for the Link Road Phase-II(NH-47A) from Thevara to Kundannoor in Kochi Bye-pass, Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay and when it is likely to be sanctioned?